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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, to open on AM3446 to LB 1089.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This is a technical amendment, to some degree, and there's two significant...well, they're not significant but they're two important issues. They have to do with Revolving Fund which is...there's no increase in expenditures per se, but there is an expenditure increase in allowance of Revolving Fund expenditures, allowing to spend. Section 1 adds the personal service limit for new caseworkers included in the appropriation and corrects the amounts and fund sources to agree with the appropriation. In the bill as introduced, a PSL was not included and was overlooked in the drafting of the committee amendment. And we also...there's a charge in earmarks. The committee, our committee, Appropriations, recommended changing General Funds to Cash Fund for the child welfare initiatives in the current biennium. The appropriation is correct but the fund source was not changed when the amendment was drafted. Also the original LB 1089 contained funding for LB 1075. These amounts were removed from the appropriation and are included in the A bill for LB 1075 (sic--LB 1075A). The dollar amount, however, was not removed from the earmark, so that takes it out. It also increases...this is a late request from the Attorney General increasing his Revolving Funds to the amount of...Revolving Fund authority of \$28,715 in '04 and \$115,000 in '05. Another late agency request from the Department of Education increases the Revolving Fund authority for the Department of Education by \$500,000 in 2004-05 to charge services provided by staff of the data center back to the programs in the department that uses the services...used the services. Section 5 changes the earmark to agree with appropriation. The committee changed the across-the-board reduction for state aid in this program. The appropriation was changed but the earmark was not. And number 6, a fund name is changed and is being corrected in the fund transfer section of the bill. The correct fund name is Rate Negotiations Revolving Fund. And that is the essence of this amendment, Mr. President. It's primarily technical, but it does include increase to Revolving Funds appropriation authority. And a quick review: Revolving Funds are money that come from other sources, usually General Funds, come into an